

POULTRY TECHNICIAN LICENSURE LAW
Act of Apr. 6, (1956) 1955, P.L. 1429, No. 466
AN ACT

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Providing for and regulating the licensing of poultry technicians by the Secretary of Agriculture for the drawing of blood from poultry to be used in pullorum testing programs.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Secretary of Agriculture, when he determines that there is a need for trained technicians to aid in drawing blood from poultry to be used in pullorum testing programs, may license as many trained technicians as he deems necessary to aid the programs.

Section 2. Every applicant for licensure as a poultry technician shall furnish evidence that he is at least eighteen years of age, a citizen of the United States, or has legally declared his intention to become such, is of good moral character, has completed at least eight years of education in a public, parochial or private school, or its equivalent, as evaluated by the Department of Public Instruction, and has satisfactorily completed a course of training in poultry blood-testing as prescribed by the Department of Agriculture.

(2 amended June 16, 1972, P.L.433, No.129)

Section 3. The course of training for a poultry technician shall be conducted by a person who is a graduate of an accredited school of veterinary medicine, and shall include the harmless and painless manner of drawing blood from live poultry, the proper handling and preservation of blood samples, and any other related instruction which the Secretary of Agriculture deems essential to safely conduct such work.

Section 4. No application for licensure as a poultry technician shall be considered unless accompanied by a fee of five dollars (\$5). Such licenses when issued shall be in force, unless revoked for cause, until January first of each year, at which time they may be renewed upon payment of the five dollars (\$5) fee if renewal application is approved by the Department of Agriculture.

Appeals from any action of the Secretary of Agriculture, which results in a refusal to issue or renew, or in a suspension or revocation of a license, shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of the act of June four, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 1388), known as the "Administrative Agency Law."

Compiler's Note: Section 6(a) of Act 48 of 1981, which provided for the fixing of fees charged by administrative agencies, provided that section 4 is repealed insofar as it establishes a set fee for any activity inconsistent with the fees set forth in Act 48.

Section 5. All persons licensed as poultry technicians may engage for compensation in drawing blood from poultry to be used in pullorum testing without being licensed as a veterinarian. The license shall not entitle him to perform any other function for which a veterinarian's license is required.

Section 6. The Secretary of Agriculture may (1) adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing the activities, methods and functions of all technicians licensed under the provisions of this act, and (2) suspend or revoke the license of any licensee who is (i) incompetent, (ii) fails to comply with the provisions of this act or any rule or regulation of the secretary, or (iii) is intemperate in the use of stimulants, narcotics or any other substance which impairs the performance of his duties.

Section 7. Any person who violates any provision of this act or any rule or regulation thereunder shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100).

Section 8. A person licensed under the provisions of this act engaged to draw blood samples from poultry to be used in pullorum testing shall not be an employe of the owner of the poultry.

Section 9. The act of April twenty-seven, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 321), known as "The Veterinary Law," is repealed in so far as it is inconsistent with this act.

Section 10. This act shall take effect immediately.